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CHP: DON'T 'FALL BACK' ON SAFETY THIS HALLOWEEN

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) West Los Angeles Area will be utilizing a zero tolerance approach this Halloween for the evening hours in the unincorporated areas of Lennox, Athens, Ladera Heights, View Park, Del Aire, Wiseburn and Windsor Hills. This enforcement will primarily focus on speed, stop sign and pedestrian violations as well as other collision causing violations. Residents are reminded that the speed limit on all residential streets is 25 miles per hour unless posted otherwise.

The CHP also reminds parents and children to walk with awareness and be seen this Halloween. Because the daylight-saving time change occurs two days before Halloween, children will be trick-or-treating in the dark, when it's harder for drivers to see them.

"A common misconception is that the biggest danger is the candy, when the reality is, the biggest concern is vehicles," said CHP Captain Calvin Aubrey, Commander of the West Los Angeles CHP office.

Statistically, October 31st is the most dangerous day of the year for children to walk. Last Halloween in California, nearly half of all the pedestrians killed and injured in collisions were children.

"Parents should remind children about basic pedestrian safety – walk on sidewalks or paths, cross at the corner or at a crosswalk, obey traffic signals, check for traffic before crossing the street and stay with parents or a group," said Captain Aubrey. He also advises parents to outfit children with flashlights and in costumes that are bright or with reflective tape, making them more visible.

If you're driving on Halloween, you need to do your part as well. "Be especially careful in residential neighborhoods and by all means slow down," said Captain Aubrey. "Actively look for kids when backing out of your driveway and at intersections and be sure to stop completely at stop signs."

If you're taking the kids trick-or-treating, to a party or anywhere, be sure to buckle them up and only let sober drivers get behind the wheel.

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